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SUBJECT: REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL POLICY STATEMENT

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1. REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL EVENING MARCH 14 ISSUED FOLLOWING

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6-POINT POLICY STATEMENT:

--ARMED FORCES MOVEMENT (AFM) AND GOP DETERMINED TO MAINTAIN UNCHANGED FOREIGN POLICY GUIDELINES OF AFM PROGRAM: "RESPECT FOR UNDERTAKINGS ASSUMED AND COMPLIANCE WITH OBLIGATIONS STEMMING FROM INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS AND TREATIES SIGNED BY PORTUGAL";

--AFM AND GOP WILL PROTECT PERSONS AND ASSETS OF ALL FOREIGNERS RESIDING IN PORTUGAL IN ACCORD WITH INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS;

--AFM WILL GUARANTEE DEMOCRATIC RIGHTS AND ELECTIONS FOR CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY;

--AFM BELIEVES DISTURBANCES PRECEDING COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY ATTEMPT WERE FACTORS USED BY REACTION TO CREATE A CLIMATE FAVORABLE TO ITS ACTIVITIES;

--THEREFORE, ACTS OF VIOLENCE ARE CONSIDERED TO BE COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY AND SUBJECT TO SEVERE REPRESSION;

--VIEW OF THIS, REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL APPEALS TO DEMOCRATIC CONSCIENCE OF PEOPLE AND TO THE POLITICAL PARTIES, THEIR LEGITIMATE REPRESENTATIVES, SO THAT THEIR PROCLAIMED ADHERENCE TO AFM PROGRAM IS TRANSLATED INTO TOTAL AND RAPID FULFILLMENT OF THE NORMS AND ACTION MEASURES DERIVING FROM IT.

2. COMMENT: POLICY STATEMENT DESIGNED TO BE REASSURING TO FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC OPINION, ESPECIALLY IN WAKE OF RECENT BANK NATIONALIZATION. WE DOUBT THAT IT WILL BE.

3. GUARANTEE OF DEMOCRATIC RIGHTS AND RENEWED COMMITMENT TO APRIL 12 ELECTION ARE WELCOME. THIS, HOWEVER, HAS TO BE VIEWED IN CONTEXT OF FINAL POINT RE TOTAL AND RAPID FULFILLMENT OF AFM PROGRAM. COUNCIL IS PUTTING PARTIES ON NOTICE THAT THEY ARE EXPECTED NOT ONLY TO TOE THE AFM/ MILITARY LINE BUT TO IMPLEMENT IT. THIS WOULD TURN PARTIES INTO APPENDAGES OF AFM.

4. STRONG CONDEMNATION OF VIOLENCE IN POLICY STATEMENT SUGGESTS NEW GOP WILL TAKE ACTION AGAINST LUAR, MRPP AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OTHER VIOLENCE-PRONE LEFTIST EXTREMISTS--PERHAPS BANNING THEM AS POLITICAL PARTIES. SUCH ACTION, HOWEVER, LIKELY TO BE LINKED TO ACTION AGAINST CENTER-RIGHT PARTIES, EITHER PDC OR CDS, MOST LIKELY THE FORMER.
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